

University of Vermont

Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee

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Policy for Care of Animals During an Emergency or Disaster

The University of Vermont has a comprehensive Emergency Response and Recovery Plan. The Office of Animal Care Management (OACM) has developed a supplement to the University's Plan to further define what specific care of animals at the University is required in the event of an emergency.

In an emergency situation, animals will be cared for by OACM as described in these plans. The Principal Investigator is responsible for notifying OACM, in advance, of any special handling requirements in the event of an emergency. The plans are on file in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) book in the Given Animal Facility, in the IACUC's SOP book kept in the Research Protections Office, as well as with other appropriate University emergency personnel.